

# STARKE COUNTY DEMOLITION CHECKLIST

(Residential, accessory, or principal structures)

A Demolition Permit is required for any dwelling or accessory structure being razed.

Apply through: Starke County Plan Commission / Building Department

## Permit Fee:

- \$100.00 (or \$50.00 if gas and/or electric has been disconnected for more than two (2) years)
  - Two (2) inspections required
- Article 6 – Starke County Zoning Ordinance

## PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL (ALL PROJECTS)

Applicant must submit:

- Completed Demolition Permit Application
- Owner authorization (if contractor applying)
- Site location / parcel number
- Identification of structure(s) to be demolished
- Demolition contractor information (if applicable)
- Disposal plan for debris

## **First Inspection** UTILITY DISCONNECTIONS – REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION

Must be completed before permit final approval:

- Electric disconnected (proof required)
- Gas disconnected and capped (proof required)
- Water/sewer or septic disconnected (proof required)

** No demolition may begin until utilities are verified as disconnected.**

## **ASBESTOS & LEAD COMPLIANCE (PRE-1978 STRUCTURES) - CRITICAL**

**Step A** — Was the structure built before 1978?

- YES → Asbestos and lead evaluation required
- NO → Proceed, but written confirmation still required

**Step B** — If YES, applicant must provide ONE of the following:

**OPTION A** — Environmental Inspection Report(s)

- Asbestos inspection by licensed inspector stating “No regulated asbestos detected”
- Lead-containing materials evaluated and addressed, if present
- Reports identifying asbestos/lead and confirming proper abatement completed

**OPTION B** — IDEM / Regulatory Documentation (if applicable)

- IDEM Demolition/Renovation Notice submitted (if asbestos present)
- Proof of IDEM acknowledgement
- Licensed abatement contractor documentation

Starke County will not release final demolition approval without compliance with the above.

### **FENCING & SITE SAFETY (AS REQUIRED)**

Temporary fencing or barriers may be required during or after demolition when site conditions present a safety hazard or allow public access.

Fencing is REQUIRED if any of the following apply:

- Structure is adjacent to a public road, sidewalk, alley, or public access area
- Open foundations, basements, pits, or drop-offs remain
- Structure is partially demolished or demolition is phased
- Site is accessible to the public or located in a residential area

Acceptable barriers include construction fencing, safety fencing with posts, or approved barricades. Caution tape alone is not acceptable.

### **Second Inspection WASTE DISPOSAL & SITE RESTORATION**

Before final sign-off:

- All debris removed from site
- Disposal receipts provided
- Foundations removed or broken down
- Utilities capped below grade
- Lot graded and seeded
- No open holes or hazards remain
- Article 6 – Starke County Zoning Ordinance
- Permit closed